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# EDISON'S SECRETARY ENDS HIS LIFE; WIDOW SAVED BY INVENTOR

John F. Randolph by Remarkable Ingenuity Rigs Up a Shotgun and Pushes Trigger of Each Barrel With a Poker.

## STANDS WITH HIS BREAST AT MUZZLE OF THE WEAPON.

Mr. Edison Hears of the Tragedy and Reaches the Home in Time to Prevent Mrs. Randolph From Leaping Out of a Window.

John F. Randolph, private secretary to Thomas A. Edison, and treasurer of the Edison Phonograph Works at West Orange, N. J., shot and killed himself to-day in the cellar of his home in New Valley Way, West Orange.

He had made elaborate preparations to end his life, using a shotgun that blew him almost to pieces. After charging both barrels of the gun, he fastened it against the wall so that he could stand in front of it and push back the triggers with a poker. Before exploding the cartridges he learned this breast against the muzzle of the weapon and was frightfully mangled.

The noise of the shot was heard by his wife and children, who were in a dining-room just above the cellar. Mr. Randolph had been writing letters since early morning, and his wife had become alarmed over his nervous condition. When the wife reached the cellar, which was brilliantly lighted, she swooped at the ghastly sight that met her eyes.

Edison Saves the Widow.

News of the tragedy was telephoned to Mr. Edison, who rushed over to the Randolph home, arriving there in time to prevent Mrs. Randolph from throwing herself from the window of an upper story.

The young woman fought desperately with the inventor and his children. Her reason seemed completely wrecked. She had to be placed under restraint. Mr. Edison said that he knew of no reason for his secretary's suicide. Randolph, however, left several letters marked "Personal" for Mr. Edison. He had also written letters to his wife and friends.

Randolph was forty-five years old and lived in a handsome cottage on New Valley Way, with his wife and two children. Vivian, thirteen and Eola, eleven. He had been Mr. Edison's private secretary for the past fifteen years and was believed to be wealthy. Several years ago he was made treasurer of all the Edison companies.

Letter to His Wife.

In the letter the suicide wrote to his wife after he had fixed up the shotgun in the cellar he said that he had left everything he possessed in the world to her. He also declared that he had come by all his money honestly. By hard work and patient effort. Besides the letters he wrote to Mr. Edison, there was one addressed to the inventor's wife one to William E. Gilmore, general manager of the Edison works, and one to Peter Weber, the superintendent.

It was Mr. Randolph's custom to

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# BROOKLYN BANK RECEIVERS NEAR BLOWS IN OFFICE

Fisticuffs Are Narrowly Averted Between Two Officials Put In Charge.

## DEPOSITOR OPENS ROW.

Attempts to Offset Debt With International Trust Deposit.

Difference of opinion over the affairs of the suspended Brooklyn Bank at Clinton and Fulton streets, Brooklyn, caused an open break between Brynne Hasbrouck and Charles M. Higgins, the receivers, in the bank to-day, which nearly resulted in a personal encounter. Interference by others prevented the angry men from coming to blows.

The refusal of Receiver Hasbrouck to permit a depositor to offset a debt to the bank with a deposit in the International Trust Company, of Manhattan, with which concern the Brooklyn institution was on the point of merging just before it closed its doors, was the cause of the row.

At the time the combination was proposed some pass books held by depositors in the Brooklyn Bank had been transferred to the International Trust Company under an agreement by officials of the two institutions. Since the suspension of the Brooklyn Bank an order has been served on it by O'Brien, Boardman & Platt, attorneys for the stockholders, forbidding the offsetting of any account with a deposit transferred to the trust company.

The depositor over whose account the quarrel started had a \$300 deposit in the Brooklyn Bank which had been switched to the International Trust Company. He had incurred an indebtedness with the Brooklyn Bank of \$500, and his visit to-day was to offset this indebtedness. Receiver Hasbrouck refused to permit this. The depositor was invited to state his case to Receiver Higgins, Hasbrouck and Attorney Dolson, their counsel, accompanying him.

"I understand that you will not permit this man to offset his International Trust Company deposit against his indebtedness here?" Receiver Higgins is said to have asked.

"I certainly mean just that," retorted Mr. Hasbrouck.

Mr. Higgins thereupon, it is alleged, shook his fist in his associate's face and cried: "You've got no more nerve than a sheep."

Receiver Hasbrouck, who is much smaller than Higgins, started for the other with clenched fists.

"I'll show you how much nerve I've got, right now," he said. Attorney Dolson grabbed him, however, and after an exchange of hot words which could be heard clearly in the bank, quiet was finally restored.

Receiver Hasbrouck is a banker in New York City. He was appointed by Justice Betts. Mr. Higgins, who was a heavy depositor in the Brooklyn Bank and an ink manufacturer in Kings county, was appointed later.

Refused All Information.

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# W. K. VANDERBILT ROBBED OF SILVERWARE WORTH \$500

Negro Burglar, Once Sentenced for Robbing J. P. Morgan, Caught with the Goods.

## WANTED \$300 FOR LOT.

Old Servants Insisted on Search of Trunks, Against Mr. Vanderbilt's Wish.

James Anderson, a notorious negro burglar, who confines his intrusions to the mansions of multi-millionaires, and who recently regained his liberty after serving a sentence for robbing J. Pierpont Morgan, is in custody at Police Headquarters charged with robbing the home of William K. Vanderbilt, No. 699 Fifth avenue, on last Thursday night.

Anderson was caught by Lieut. John Boyle while trying to dispose of some of the stolen property. The negro refuses to tell how it came into his possession, and the police are trying to solve the mystery. The theft was accomplished under the eyes of two watchmen who are employed exclusively to take care of the Vanderbilt house.

The police did not hear of the burglary until Mr. Vanderbilt sailed on Saturday. Boyle took up the scent after he had had twenty-four hours to grow cold. His examination of the big Fifth avenue mansion convinced him that it had been an inside job. The watchmen swore they were on duty all night and that no person or persons approached the house or left it. There were no marks of a jimmy on any of the windows or doors.

Yet silverware worth \$500 had been taken from the dining-room.

Servants Had Trunks Searched.

"They had a pathetic time there on Friday," said Boyle to-day. "It seems that when the servants learned of the robbery they all insisted that their trunks be searched. They went to Mr. Vanderbilt and begged him to do it."

"I cannot believe any of you would steal," he said to them. "You have all been with me many years. But they would not be content unless he had the search made and he was forced to have it done. When it came to the old housekeeper Mr. Vanderbilt hesitated. 'Oh, no, I can't allow this,' he said. But the dear old lady wept and insisted and to pacify her Mr. Vanderbilt had her trunk searched, too. Of course, they found nothing."

Convinced that the servants were not implicated the police set a watch on the various pantries and fences. Boyle was in a fence on Saturday night when Anderson entered.

"I have twenty pounds of good silver and want \$300 for it," he said to the proprietor. "Here's some of it, it's all like this," he added, handing over three pieces of silverware. One piece was a cardholder with the Vanderbilt mark "W. K. V." on it.

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At Police Headquarters it was said to-day that Anderson was arrested in 1899, charged with robbing the homes of J. Pierpont Morgan and Charles T. Yerkes. It was alleged that he had out valuable pictures from their frames in the Morgan gallery. He was sent to Alcatraz for an indefinite term. Since his release he has managed to dodge the police.

Inspector McCafferty said to-day that Anderson's arrest would put a stop to the robberies in the Fifth avenue district. They believe he has taken part in all the thefts reported from that district.

# PERJURY CHARGE IN NEW INDICTMENT FOUND AGAINST CHARLES W. MORSE

## JEROME DEAL TO FINE RAIDED MEN BALKED BY POLICE

Reardon's Prisoners, Who Had Agreed to Plead Guilty, Advised Against It.

The feud between the Police Department and County Detective Reardon cropped out in the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court in a rather sensational way this afternoon. Justice Dowling called the cases of about a dozen men who had been arrested and indicted for keeping gambling houses, on evidence furnished by Reardon and his side partner, Sgt. Wasserman.

Lawyers representing these indicted men conferred with District Attorney Jerome on Friday last. The District Attorney told them that if their clients would plead guilty his assistant, Mr. Garvan, would ask the Court to let them off with fines of \$25 each.

With this understanding, Mr. Garvan brought up the cases to-day, but when the accused men were called to plead all but one refused to enter a plea of guilty. Assistant District Attorney Garvan said:

"Your Honor, I am told by Reardon and Wasserman who were out in the hall that, as these men entered the court-room, they were approached by a police captain and several detectives, who instructed them not to plead guilty under any circumstances. It appears that the advice of the police officers has been taken."

Justice Dowling instructed that one of the men be called. A man under indictment for keeping a gambling house was summoned to the bar. He gave the name of Stein.

"Has any one spoken to you as to how you should act here to-day?" asked Justice Dowling.

"Well, a certain party outside the room told me not to plead guilty," replied Stein.

Justice Dowling directed that a plea of not guilty be accepted from Stein. Then he ordered the man placed on trial immediately, and the surprised Stein was pushed into the defendant's chair inside the railing.

Police Captain Buchanan, now out in the suburbs, who formerly commanded the Fifty-third precinct, is the man complained of by Reardon and Wasserman. Mr. Garvan said that Buchanan had been ordered by the District Attorney to remain within call until wanted. Soon after Mr. Garvan got the trial of Stein under way the defendant held counsel with himself and decided that he would plead guilty. He announced his desire to plead guilty. His plea was accepted.

Mr. Garvan then brought out that his first name is Louis Goldstein. He admitted that he had been arraigned in court on four previous occasions, once for burglary, once for picking pockets and twice for gambling. Goldstein was remanded to the Tombs and will be sentenced on Wednesday.

## BABY BOY DIES AS COTTAGE IS BURNED

(Special to The Evening World.)  
LONG BRANCH, N. J., Feb. 17.—The two-year-old son of John Warner was burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Warner cottage at West End and Norwood avenues this afternoon. The four-year-old daughter of Warner was rescued by firemen, but was badly scorched by the flames.

## "MUDDERS" ARE BACKED TO WIN AT NEW ORLEANS

Hardy Anna Wins First Race of New Session for City Park Track.

(Special to The Evening World.)  
NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 17.—City Park got another inning to-day, starting its two weeks' session with an unusually good card. The track was muddy and the heavy-going racers got most of the plays. The usual number of good things were on tap, but all went wrong in the opening event, which went to Hardy Anna, a 6 to 1 chance. The summaries:

FIRST RACE—Purse, \$100; maiden two-year-olds, three furlongs—Hardy Anna, 16 to 1; Powers, 6 to 1; 2 to 1 and even, won by two lengths. Sorensen, 12 to 1; Nutter, 9 to 1; 2 to 5 and out. Buckland, 15 to 1; McCallin, 20 to 1; 2 to 1 and 4 to 1. Third, 2 to 1. Besse, 10 to 1. Vol. Green, Nanny Blues, Miss Hapgood, Miss Snick, May Lee, Lady Clinton and Silverina also ran.

SECOND RACE—Purse, \$100; maiden two-year-olds and up, selling. Short course—Gault, 13 to 1; Dawson, 25 to 1; 1 to 1 and 2 to 1, won by a length. Buckland, 15 to 1; McCallin, 6 to 1; 5 to 2 and 5 to 5. Second, 4 to 1. J. J. Lee, 12 to 1. Jim Hutton, 10 to 1. Harry Waddell, Russell, Moloka and Sandeleher also ran.

THIRD RACE—Purse, \$100; maiden two-year-olds, selling, five furlongs. (Over 12 to 1.) Powers, 6 to 1; 2 to 1 and even, won by a head. Red Mill, 10 to 1; Nutter, 11 to 1; 5 to 2 and 3 to 1. Second, Needmore, 10 to 1; Held, 2 to 1; 2 to 5 and 7 to 10. Third, 13 to 1. 15 to 1. Milo, Phil, Union Royal, Chance, Onle Reddy, Whip, A. C. Cowley, Ben W. Smith, Victor, McComb, Billy Star, Dixwell, Gusau, La Meyer, Bereaud, Jas. also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Purse, \$100; handicap, three-year-olds and upward, mile. (Over 12 to 1.) Powers, 6 to 1; 2 to 1 and even, won by a head. Red Mill, 10 to 1; Nutter, 11 to 1; 5 to 2 and 3 to 1. Second, Needmore, 10 to 1; Held, 2 to 1; 2 to 5 and 7 to 10. Third, 13 to 1. 15 to 1. Milo, Phil, Union Royal, Chance, Onle Reddy, Whip, A. C. Cowley, Ben W. Smith, Victor, McComb, Billy Star, Dixwell, Gusau, La Meyer, Bereaud, Jas. also ran.

## TUNNEL BLAST GIVES WEST SIDE NEW SHAKING UP

Explosion Fifty Feet Below Surface Rocks Big Buildings and Breaks Windows.

A big blast, set off in the McAdoo tunnel, fifty feet beneath the surface, rocked all the buildings that remain standing about the corner of Thirty-second street and Sixth avenue to-day.

A plate glass window was broken in the building of the Dime Savings Bank and fifteen windows were shattered in the building occupied by D. A. Doyle, a trunk manufacturer at the southwest corner. The Manhattan Theatre was jarred, and the passengers of two street cars that were passing Thirty-second street broke records in the way of sudden exit.

The only person injured was Otto Jorgensen, a porter in Doyle's establishment. Otto was standing on the sidewalk at the head of a flight of stairs when the blast jarred the neighborhood. He promptly jumped to the bottom of the flight of steps and fractured his right ankle.

The inhabitants of the section embraced in to-day's blast tremor are more or less calmed by frequent subterranean disturbances. Mr. Doyle, for instance, had glaziers at work on his building within half an hour after the shock. A hundred windows on the ground floor of his store, which was broken by to-day's explosion, had only been in place fifteen minutes. It had just been set to take the place of one broken by a blast Saturday.

# Swore He Knew Nothing of Loans to the Provident Life, but E. R. Thomas Declared Ex-Banker Arranged Them.

## PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO GRAND LARCENY CHARGES.

Arraigned in Court While Federal Grand Jury Is Concluding Its Inquiry Into His Transactions—His Counsel Argues for Time.

The Special Grand Jury returned another indictment against Charles W. Morse this afternoon. It charges him with perjury in connection with testimony he gave the Grand Jury concerning loans made by the National Bank of North America to E. R. Thomas and the Provident Savings Life Insurance Company.

Morse swore before the Grand Jury that he had no knowledge of the loans. Mr. Thomas was then called and testified that Morse arranged the loans. Letters were produced proving that Morse was mistaken when he said he had no knowledge of the transactions.

The indictment was handed up at 2:30 o'clock. Just three hours previously Morse had appeared before Justice Dowling to plead to the two indictments charging grand larceny, which were filed last week. He was notified through his counsel, Philip Britt, to appear at the Criminal Courts Building and plead to the new indictment.

Mr. Britt said that the perjury indictment was based upon testimony given by Mr. Morse that was misunderstood. Morse has assured his counsel that he did not deliberately or intentionally perjure himself.

While the Special Grand Jury was turning out the third Morse indictment a Federal Grand Jury in the Federal Building was listening to testimony in some of the official's transactions over which the officials governing National Banks have jurisdiction. Among the witnesses heard was Miss K. Wilson, Morse's private secretary, who knows all about his business and whose name appears on some of his papers placed in banks as security for loans.

It is expected that the Federal Grand Jury will report to-morrow or Wednesday and that the report will contain matter of interest, not only to Morse but to other men who figured prominently in the October panic and its subsequent developments.

## SIXTY-FIVE FEET TUMBLE FAILS TO INJURE OLD MAN

80-Year-Old Frank J. Schmidt Sustains Only Scratches in His Fall.

Frank J. Schmidt, who in a few weeks will celebrate his eightieth birthday, fell from the fourth-story window of his home, at No. 314 Third avenue, to-day, and before an ambulance surgeon arrived, picked himself up and started to walk upstairs, unassisted.

The old man has suffered from vertigo and dizziness for several years. When he got up this morning to go into the dining-room he found it very difficult to breathe and opened a window. As the air rushed in he became dizzy and toppled out.

Though he fell sixty-five feet a tangle of clotheslines broke his fall and he landed lightly on his hands and knees. His wife, who had seen him fall, thought surely he had been killed. Policemen Stevens, who was passing and got up, man land in a heap and he still sent to Lehighon Hospital for an ambulance.

Before Dr. Rosen arrived the old man opened his eyes, stretched and got up. He met the surgeon at the doorway of the apartment-house and announced to him that he was all right. Beyond a few scratches on his hands and knees, he was uninjured.

Dr. Rosen said there may be slight internal injuries, but Schmidt assured him that if there were any he didn't feel them. He refused to go to the hospital to be examined.

## BIG STEAMSHIP DUE.

The steamship Duca degli Abruzzi, the largest and fastest vessel in the trade between this port, Naples and Genoa, is due here to-day. She is a twin-screw liner of 11,000 tons and the first of six new steamships built by the Navigazione Generale Italiana for transatlantic service.